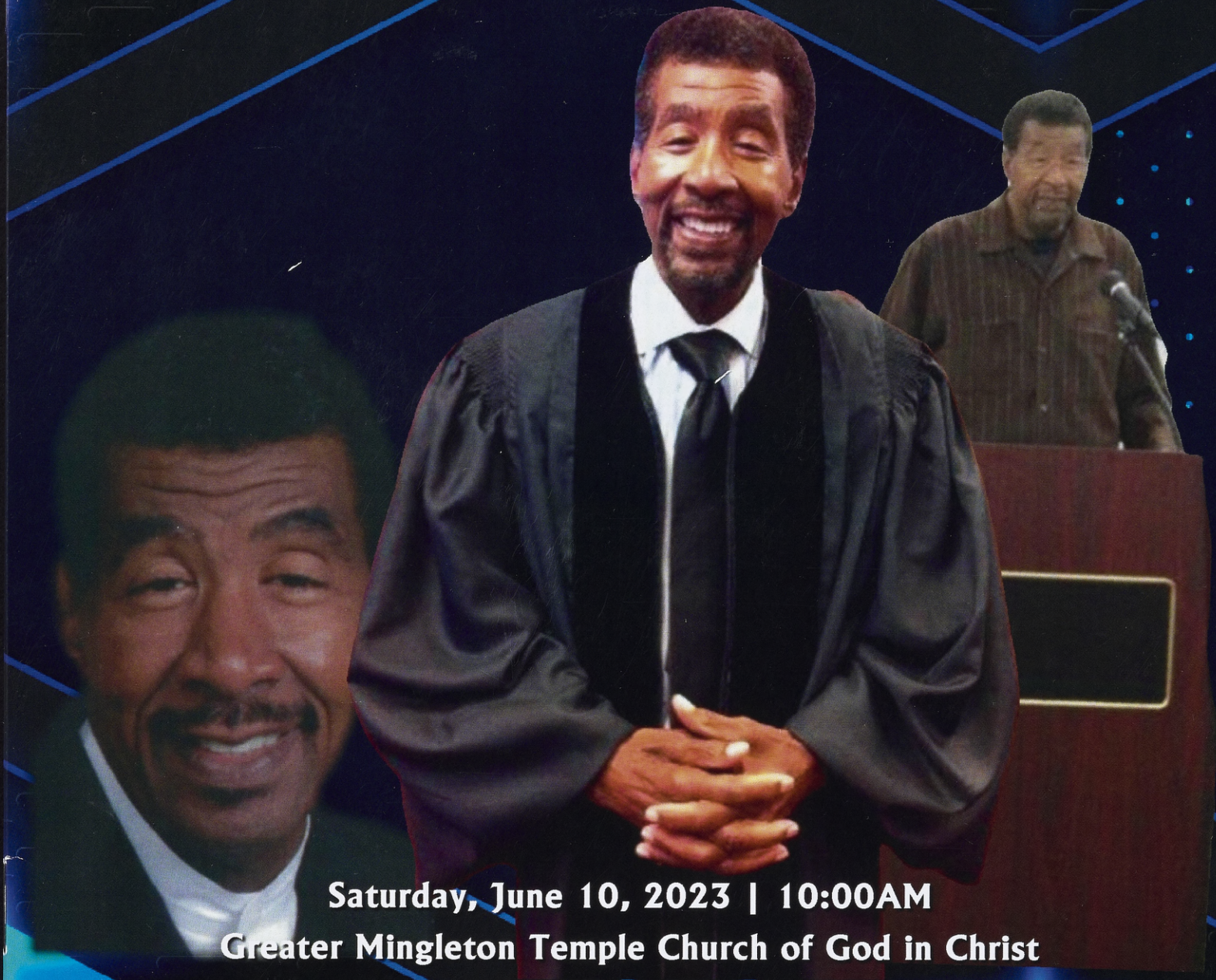
In Loving Memory

Pastor Emeritus Grady L. Simpson

Sunrise: January 4, 1944 - Sunset: May 24, 2023



Saturday, June 10, 2023 | 10:00AM

Greater Mingleton Temple Church of God in Christ

1222 Market Street

Oakland, CA 94607

Bishop Michael Johnson, Chief Officiant

Pastor Johnny Riley, Eulogist

Order of Celebration

Elder Yolanda Bowman, Program Facilitator

Processional

Clergy, Family and The Nation of Jesus Embassy and Worship Center @Simpson Memorial

Invocation

Bishop Diane Robinson

Old Testament Scripture

Pastor Kieth Nord

New Testament Scripture

Pastor Willie Stinson

Musical Selection

Simpson Temple Christian Center Memorial Choir

Representing the Simpson Family

Joyce Lopez(Sister)

Pastor Lamar Alexander(Nephew)

Echo's from the North-East Family District

Superintendent Daniel Stevens

Mother Ada Stevens, Supervisor of Women

Pages from the Life-Book of Pastor Emeritus Simpson

The Teen-age Preacher

Bishop Grady Harris

The Pastor of Simpson Temple Christian Center C.O.G.I.C.

Evangelist Lekesha Nord and Sister Khamesi Jackson

A Friend and Mentor to Developing Ministers

Pastor Al Williams

Musical Selection

The Simpson Temple Christian Center Memorial Choir

Pastor Emeritus, The Nation of Jesus Embassy and Worship Center

Prophet Gregory Knox

A Spiritual Father

Bishop Eric Young

Musical Selection

Sister Faye Marshall

Acknowledgement of Cards and Condolences

Sister Tanya Owens

A Panoramic View of The Life of the Preacher Man

Obituary

Read Silently

Jurisdictional Echo's & Introduction of Eulogist

Bishop Michael Johnson, Prelate California Northeast Jurisdiction

Expressions& Sermonic Selection

Brother Lenny Williams

Eulogy

Pastor Johnnie Riley
Center of Hope, Pittsburg, CA

Recessional

The Life and Legacy of Pastor Emeritus Grady L. Simpson

In the winter of 1944, Pastor Emeritus Grady L. Simpson was the first child born to the union of Turner and Louise in Alto, Texas. He was described as a precocious and rambunctious child that brought much joy to his young parents. The majority of his youth was spent in the farming community of Shreveport, Louisiana until the family migrated to Oakland, Ca. It was in this location, under the bright lights, of the city streets, that young Grady's life was destined to change forever.

Brother Grady Lee Simpson, entered the world of Christendom in a unique and dramatic manner. One evening after involvement in a silly boyish prank, he was walking down the street with a cousin, when an unidentified force spun him around. Bro. Simpson responded to this Damascus experience by asking his companion ,"who touched me". His companion, responded to the young teenager, that they were alone. However, Brother Simpson knew that a supernatural force had invaded his life. Unacquainted with spiritual matters, he went to his Great Aunt Annie Sims, a devout Christian. It was her, that led him to salvation, on that unforgettable Thursday night. After this initial experience with God, in 1957, brother Grady Simpson united with Mount Gilead Baptist Church in Oakland, CA. Shortly thereafter, he joined Christian Holiness Fellowship under the late Pastor Fred Thomas. It was there, in 1958, that he acknowledged the call to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. His first sermon was entitled, "My little Children, I write unto you that you sin not" - 1 John 2:1. In 1963, he was called to unite with Mingleton Temple Church of God in Christ in Oakland, CA under the pastor-ship of Superintendent Vincent F. Devers. A few years later, he was called to the ministry of marriage and united with Dorothy Perry.

The Lord blessed their union with two daughters: Mia and Dana. As time went on, a son, Jerome completed the family. In 1970, Elder Simpson shepherded a prayer fellowship. Out of this prayer group, Elder Simpson after receiving counsel from his pastor, obeyed the Lord and founded the Simpson Temple Church of God in Christ in 1971. The location was 1234 East 12th Street in Oakland, CA. As time progressed, the congregation outgrew this first location and was re-planted to 2258 62nd Avenue, Oakland, CA and in 2010 after further expansion, the Holy Spirit re-planted the ministry to 9429 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland, CA.

Pastor Emeritus Grady Simpson was not just an anointed minister, but also an entrepreneur. He owned and operated several successful restaurants, food trucks and carts. Additionally, he served as a surrogate father to many young men in need, through the establishment of The Grady Simpson Outreach, a group home for at risk adolescents.

During Pastor's Simpson tenure of service to his denomination, the Church of God in Christ, he served in many capacities including but not limited to: Jurisdictional Evangelism President, Ordination Board Member, and Auxillaries in Ministry Chairman.

While maintaining his pastorate, Elder Grady L. Simpson continued to serve the kingdom as one of this nation's premier preachers. It has been stated by many preachers and congregationalists alike that Pastor Grady Simpson can preach anytime, to anybody, anywhere! After almost 40 years of shepherding God's sheep, Pastor Grady L. Simpson retired from the Pastorate but never the ministry. He served as Pastor Emeritus under the charge of his eldest daughter, Pastor Mia Simpson. He served faithfully, preaching and teaching every month. It was his joy to provide her with Godly guidance and spiritual oversight. Pastor Emeritus Simpson was a spiritual father and counselor to all that attended The Nation of Jesus Embassy and Worship Center @ Simpson Memorial.

Preceding his transition to glory on May 24, 2023 was his wife Dorothy, his helpmate of almost 50 years and their son, Jerome.

Pastor Emeritus Grady Simpson leaves to cherish his memory, his loving siblings: Brenda(Wilmer),Jeffery(Becky)and Joyce(Vincent), daughters: Pastor Mia and Dana, his many nephews and nieces, cousins, The Nation of Jesus Embassy and Worship Church Family, The former members of The Simpson Temple Christian Center Church of God in Christ, All of his Spiritual Sons and Daughters, Ministerial Colleagues, Mentees, Friends and the innumerable Hosts of Souls that he impacted through the preaching of the Gospel and his continuous demonstration of love and compassion to those in need.

Many in the Bay Area were provided with free meals from Simpson's Bar-B-Que and Simpson's Soul Food. He could never deny a soul in need, for he recognized that lending to the poor is lending to God! However, he never worried about being paid, In his words, he was just glad to be on God's Team!

Active Pallbearers

Lamar Alexander * Donald Alexander * Tobias Scott
Aleric Scott * Vincent Lopez * Shannon Revels * Tony Ratchford

Honorary Pallbearers

Jeffrey Simpson * Wilmer Scott * Vincent Lopez Senior
Pastor Willie Stinson * Prophet Gregory Knox * Rick Lotero

Acknowledgments

On behalf of the Simpson Family and The Nation of Jesus Embassy and Worship Center @ Simpson Memorial Curch Family. We would like to thank every person who provided love and support during this season. Your cards, calls, contributions, labors of love, flowers and prayers have been a great condolence in this season. May God Bless You for Your Kindness!

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive,
Richmond, CA 94803

Repast

Martin Luther King Jr Elementary School
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Oakland, CA 94803

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